

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 4-15 are amended. Specifically, independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate the features of claims 2 and 3 and some of the features of claim 7, and claims 2 and 3 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited therein. Claims 4-15 are amended for clarity and to be consistent with amended claim 1. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over JP-U-4-105590 (JP 590). The rejection of canceled claim 2 is moot. The rejection of independent claim 1 is respectfully traversed.

JP 590 does not disclose or suggest that a connection portion, an insertion hole and a part of the lead wire provided inside an apparatus are arranged on a substantially straight line, as recited in independent claim 1.

The Office Action acknowledges that JP 590 does not disclose a circuit board built in an apparatus including a lead wire connection portion to a backup battery, or that a connection portion, an insertion hole and a part of the lead wire provided inside an apparatus are arranged on a substantially straight line, as now recited in independent claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 is patentable over JP 590. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 3-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over JP 590 in view of Miyazawa et al. (Miyazawa), JP-A-09-63555. The rejection of canceled claim 3 is moot. The rejection of claims 4-15 is respectfully traversed.

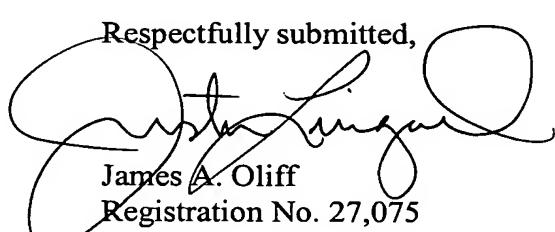
Because claims 4-15 incorporate the features of independent claim 1, and because Miyazawa fails to overcome the deficiencies of JP 590, these claims also are patentable over

the applied references for at least these reasons, as well as for the additional features that these claims recite. Specifically, Miyazawa discloses a dummy cell 16 that is connected to cell holder 20 via a winding lead wire 18 (see Fig. 5). That is, Fig. 5 illustrates what lead wire 18 follows a winding course to cell holder 20, not a straight course. Therefore, the combination of JP-A-4-105590 and Miyazawa fails to disclose or suggest that a connection portion, an insertion hole and a part of the lead wire provided inside the apparatus are arranged on a substantially straight line, as recited in independent claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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